

has thought the same thing in print.

We are not sure of ourselves. We want somebody else to O. K. our opinions before we will launch them. The bold thinker is in the minority. When he expresses a new thought thousands who have been secretly thinking the same thought rally around the new leader.

* What are we afraid of?

Leo Frank and Carl Person.—I am glad they didn't hang Leo M. Frank, the Atlanta factory superintendent, who was found guilty of murdering 14-year-old Mary Phagan and sentenced to death at Atlanta, Ga.

I don't know much about the merits of the case. I don't know whether Frank was guilty or innocent. But I am opposed to capital punishment and don't want to see anybody hanged.

All over the country the newspapers took up the fight to save Frank; and it was largely because of Jewish influence that he has been saved. I admire the way the Jews stick to each other and their generosity in taking care of their own people.

And I heartily approve of the fight made by the newspapers to get a square deal for Frank, if he didn't get one at his trial.

But I can't help wondering why the newspapers don't as enthusiastically take up the fight of Carl Person, soon to be tried for murder at Clinton, Ill.

Readers of The Day Book are familiar with the case of Carl Person. He was editor of the Strike Bulletin at Clinton, and was waylaid and viciously attacked by Tony Musser, former chief of police and at the time of the assault gunman for the Illinois Central.

Musser was a big man physically, Person a little fellow. After Musser had attacked Person and had brutally beaten him, he started at Person again to finish the job. Person drew his revolver and shot the big brute as he came at him.

Now Person is to be tried for murder. That is all right. He should be tried. But what chance has he of getting a fair trial?

The town of Clinton is an Illinois Central town, much as Calumet, Mich., is a Calumet & Hecla town. With an enormous monthly payroll there, the people live mainly off the I. C. Railway.

Public officials come under the spell of the powerful railway interest.

Person has applied for a change of venue—for the right to be tried in another county where the railway is not so powerful and influential. The state's attorney opposes the change.

Here is another man's life at stake. Why don't the newspapers take up HIS battle as they did that of Leo Frank?

Is it because Person's friends are not big advertisers?

Saluting the Flag.—I don't just get that saluting the flag business, unless it is pretty much the same thing as not only making a boy apologize for doing something, but making him get down on his knees to do it.

I presume it's all right, however; and that our national honor will feel lots better after the newspapers tell us that twenty-one rounds of ammunition have been fired from an official Mexican cannon, and that one of our ships has wasted twenty-one rounds of perfectly good ammunition politely replying to the salute.

But why waste all that good ammunition?

It would have been much more theatrical and spectacular to make Huerta stand on his head and recite the Declaration of Independence backwards.

Or to stand on one leg and sing "Marching Through Georgia" in the key of X.

Either of these would have been inexpensive and both sides could have saved their powder.